THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to link the AIIMS to some of the state capitals particularly in the northeast sector through telemedicine consultation. The AIIMS programme for tele-medicine envisages to provide for a national level tele-consultation from all super-speciality departments by linking up such centres through a network of regional and district level centres of tele- medicine. It aims to provide high quality services through the national grid layout for tele- medicine. AIIMS is presently involved in a WHO-SEARO project for launching certification programme for its adjunct faculty in collaboration with the center for Medical Education, University of Dundee, U.K.

Promotion of Employees in Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi

1403. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the employees promoted on ad-hoc basis in the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi in different cadres from 1995 onwards indicating names and dates of promotion;

(b) whether above promotions were as per Government's norms;

(c) whether the above employees were eligible for promotion to the grade in which they were promoted on ad-hoc basis;

(d) whether some of the employees are still continuing on ad-hoc basis;

(e) if so, the justification in each case; and

(f) by when, these employees would be given regular promotion and in what manner their seniority would be protected?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (f) A statement showing the details of ad-hoc promotions of employees made in the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi since 1995 is enclosed (*See* below) These ad-hoc promotions were made on the basis of qualifications & experience of the concerned employees on the lower posts and keeping in view the recruitment rules for the higher posts. All these ad-hoc promotions have subsequently been regularised keeping in view the relevant instructions.

Statement

Details of ad-hoc promotions in the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi

Sl. No.	Name of employees	Post on which promoted	Date of ad-hoc promotion
1.	Km. Paramjit Kaur	Assistant Research Officer (Yoga)	16.02.1995
2.	Smt. Jiya Joshi	Assistant	01.08.1995
3.	Shri R.C. Gupta	Upper Division Clerk	01.08.1995
4.	Smt. Saraswati Chawla	Upper Division Clerk	27.09.1995
5.	Shri Darshan Singh	Lower Division Clerk	27.09.1995
6.	Shri Kamleshwar Mishra	Technical Assistant	26.10.1995
7.	Smt. T. Cherian	Assistant Matron	27.10.1995
8.	Smt. M. Thomas	Sister Incharge	27.10.1995
9.	Shri M.S. Badoria	Yoga Instructor Grade 'A'	27.10.1995
10.	Smt. Meera Chauhan	Yoga Instructor Grade 'A'	27.10.1995
11.	Shri S.O.D. Bhatnagar	Research Officer (Biochemistry)	10.11.1995

Increase in Diabetes in Urban Areas

1404. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sedentary working habits, stress, irregular eating habits and addiction to television and computer are responsible for the increasing incidence of diabetes in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have, so far, taken or propose to take to check the increasing number of diabetic patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) (a) and (b) Yes Sir. According to ICMR epidemiological evidence show increase in the prevalence of diabetes particularly in the urban areas. This is reported to be on account of population ageing, unhealthy diets, obesity and sedentary lifestyle. Addiction to television and computer may also lead to sedentary life style. No scientific data is, however, available for these.

(c) Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. A pilot Project on "Strengthening of Bio-Chemical Laboratories and Quality Assurance", was initiated in 1999-2000 in the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal & Punjab.